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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

14 November 1980

SUBJECT: DoD GRILL FLAME Meeting, 13 Nov 80 (U)

1. (U) This report covers the major points discussed at the DoD GRILL FLAME Committee meeting of 13 Nov 80. The following personnel were present:

[REDACTED]  
LTC Murray B. Watt, INSCOM  
[REDACTED]  
MAJ Phil Partain, AFIN  
MAJ John Hay, OACSI  
[REDACTED]

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2. (U) LTC Watt clarified the story concerning the death of [REDACTED] and explained that [REDACTED] had been at Ft Meade working as an analyst when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

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3. (C) The monetary situation concerning SRI-I was discussed. It appears very likely that Dr. Puthoff and associates will be forced to take some form of administrative leave in the very near future if SRI-I does not receive a very firm indication of ~~the~~ forthcoming funds. It was noted that the 50K transferred by ACSI to FTD has not been forwarded to SRI-I as scheduled. [REDACTED] stated he would look into situation and try to get things rolling.

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4. (C) [REDACTED] informed the committee that representatives from CIA and NSA have indicated that their respective agencies might be interested in putting money into the program. All agreed that this would be a very welcomed move and that hopefully they will want to come involved right after current contract negotiations are finalized. Meanwhile [REDACTED] suggested, and the committee agreed, that representatives from CIA and NSA be invited to the meetings as observers.

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5. (S) The next order of business concerned the Statement of Work which the committee has been preparing for future contract efforts with SRI-I. I will only address those items which I feel are necessary to recall at a later date; however, in fact, there were numerous recommendations made concerning changing the Statement of Work. A final version of the Statement of Work will be available as soon as DIA can get it typed.

a. (U) Committee recommended that the Statement of Work only reflect a one (1) year contract and leave future working "up in the air."

b. LTC Watt voiced his objections to the practice of allowing SRI-I personnel being involved in operational intelligence problems. LTC Watt was very concerned about the security aspects of such actions. At worst, LTC Watt

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recommended that all requests for "quick reaction reports" (i.e., operational matters) be handled through the GF Committee rather than going directly to SRI-I. LTC Watt requested that each representative to the committee discuss this issue with their superiors and report their findings at the next meeting.

c. (C) MAJ Hay requested that the committee study the proposal of whether or not GRILL FLAME should become a compartmented project or should it remain just a "Secret/NOFORN" project. Responses should be phoned in to

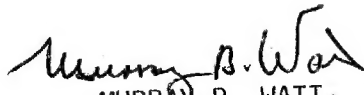
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d. (U) LTC Watt recommended that the committee prepare a statement for public release in case it is every needed. He recommended that the committee study the public release that the Army has prepared for their aspect of the program.

6. (U) It was agreed that DIA would be responsible for preparing minutes of all quarterly meetings.

7. (U) It was suggested by MAJ Partain, and seconded by LTC Watt, that the committee should come forward with a statement that recommends that R&D needs to be carried on and that such a proposal needs to be brought to the attention of the senior officials we all represent.

8. (U) The next meeting will be 28 Jan 81 and will be hosted by the Air Force. Further details will be released in the near future.



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